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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
MANOR HOUSE,  
KETTERING.

*June, 1957.*

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,  
ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF KETTERING.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1956.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 19/56 dated 11th December, 1956.

An epidemic of scarlet fever occurred during the year, especially in the age group of children 5-10 years. In all 106 cases were notified.

The term "scarlet fever" is unsatisfactory, as nowadays most cases are of a mild nature and better described as a sore throat with a rash. Most cases are now nursed at home and only sent to hospital if social conditions do not allow of this. The danger of complications arising later cannot, however, be discounted and several cases of nephritis have occurred.

Two cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were notified from Kettering General Hospital. In neither cases were they Kettering residents.

The Ministry of Health scheme for poliomyelitis vaccination of children was adopted by the County Health Committee during the year, and although it is too early to assess results it is to be hoped that this crippling affliction of children and young adults will be brought under control.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation has proceeded smoothly during the year and of the original two hundred houses proposed to be dealt with over a five year period commencing in September, 1955, 78 were officially represented, all being confirmed by the Ministry with the exception of one confirmation which was pending at the end of the year. The number of persons rehoused was only 35 up to this time, but I am confident that this rate will be increased as clearance proceeds. Most young families are only too eager to move to more healthy surroundings and the benefits are often obvious when children are seen at subsequent school health examinations.

On the other hand some of the old folk show a natural reluctance to leave behind the local ties and familiar faces of a lifetime and it is gratifying to know that the Housing Department is helpful in considering such cases.

## **Public Health Inspectorate.**

A point of historical interest to the Public Health Service occurred during the year with The Sanitary Inspectors' (Change of Designation) Act, 1956. Now designated as Public Health Inspectors, the wider aspect of the duties of these officers is recognised.

Much of the Inspectors' time has gone towards implementing firmly, but fairly, the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, and improvements in food premises and hygiene service to the public are more noticeable.

## **Conclusion.**

Liaison with the local general practitioners, specialists and the Public Health Laboratory Service continues to be good and I should like to record my appreciation of this, for without such co-operation it is difficult for the community to receive locally the full benefits of the social, medical and sanitary services available.

Finally I wish to thank all members of the staff for their loyal and efficient service throughout the year and would like to record that after 31 years as Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. E. Deuce retired on 31st August.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Certain information contained in this Annual Report has been supplied by the following, to whom acknowledgment is made, and the Medical Officer of Health wishes personally to thank them for their co-operation during the year :—

Town Clerk.

Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

Borough Treasurer.

County Medical Officer of Health.

Housing Manager.

Manager, Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board.

Manager, Kettering Employment Exchange.

Mr. S. Harris (Meteorological Information).

Women's Voluntary Services.



# Borough of Kettering

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## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

December, 1956

### *Members :*

Councillor W. Walden (*Chairman*).  
Councillor F. C. Chambers (*Deputy Chairman*).  
The Mayor, Councillor C. E. Turner, J.P.  
Alderman W. J. Litchfield, C.C.  
Councillor R. A. Barlow.  
„ P. Campbell.  
„ S. J. Clarke.  
„ J. P. Haugh.  
„ Mrs. M. F. Newman.  
„ Mrs. M. Parish.  
„ Miss G. M. Riseley.  
„ L. E. Smith.  
„ E. A. Timson.

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## STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Medical Officer of Health :

Alfred Nelson Pickles, M.B., CH.B. (Leeds), D.P.H. (L'pool), also holds appointment of Assistant County Medical Officer, Northamptonshire County Council.

### Chief Public Health Inspector :

H. E. Deuce, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. (1) (3) retired 31st August, 1956.  
R. V. Redston, D.P.A. (Lond.), M.R.S.H., F.S.I.A., (2) (3) (4) (5).  
Appointed October, 1956. Commenced 1st January, 1957.

### Additional Public Health Inspectors :

E. G. Davies, M.S.I.A. (2) (3)  
T. Billson, M.S.I.A. (2) (3)  
D. M. Reid, M.S.I.A. (2) (3)

### Chief Clerk :

J. F. Burridge.

### Deputy Chief Clerk :

K. G. Dix from 1st January, 1956.

### Clerks :

D. A. Lovell (also Pupil Public Health Inspector).  
B. G. R. Coley.

### Rodent Operative :

B. Clarke.

### Disinfecting Assistants :

C. Haywood.  
R. Bailey.

- (1) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examining Board as Sanitary Inspector.
- (3) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- (4) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Sanitary Science.
- (5) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Smoke Inspector.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Area (acres) ... ..	4,539
Population :—	
Census, 1951 ... ..	36,817
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population as at 30th June, 1956 ... ..	36,990
Number of inhabited houses :—	
Census, 1951 ... ..	11,101
According to Rate Books (end of 1956) ... ..	12,170
Rateable Value ... ..	£473,919
Estimated Yield of One Penny Rate ... ..	£1,895

### Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year

<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate ...	492	246	246	
Illegitimate ...	18	9	9	
	510	255	255	Birth-rate 13.79 (Crude)

Adjusted Birth-rate (Area Comparability Factor  
1.08) ... .. 14.89

<b>STILLBIRTHS</b>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate ...	9	8	1	
Illegitimate ...	—	—	—	
	9	8	1	Rate 17.34 *

**DEATHS**                      *Total*   *Males*   *Females*  
                                    443     239     204   Death-rate 11.98 (Crude)

Adjusted Death-rate (Area Comparability Factor  
0.95) ... .. 11.38

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, Childbirth      Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births ... ..	17.65
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	18.29
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	Nil

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate per</i> <i>1,000 population</i>
Deaths from Measles ... ..	Nil	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough ... ..	Nil	—
Deaths from Diphtheria ... ..	Nil	—
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis ...	4	0.11
Deaths from Other Tuberculosis Diseases	1	0.03
Total Tuberculosis Deaths ... ..	5	0.14
Deaths from Cancer ... ..	73	1.97
Deaths from Influenza ... ..	1	0.03

\*per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births Registered

## I. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

**Population.** (Table 1, page 29). The Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population for the mid year 1956 is 36,990 and the vital statistics in this report are based on this figure.

The population at the 1951 census was 36,817.

**Births.** (Tables 1 and 2, page 29). Five hundred and ten live births (255 males and 255 females) were registered. This gives a crude birth-rate of 13.79 per thousand of the total population, compared with 13.34 in 1955. The corrected birth-rate, i.e., that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of this district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 14.89 compared with 15.7 for England and Wales. Eighteen births were illegitimate, 9 males and 9 females.

There were 9 still births-(8 males and 1 female). This gives a still-birth rate of 17.34 per 1,000 total births and 0.24 per 1,000 population.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth-rate is 1.08.

**Deaths.** (Tables 1 and 3, page 29 and Table 6 page 31). Four hundred and forty-three deaths were registered of which 239 were males and 204 females. Twenty-four residents died outside the Borough and 209 non-residents died within the Borough. The crude death-rate is therefore 11.98 compared with 11.67 in 1955. The corrected death-rate, i.e., the rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of this district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 11.38 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the death-rate is 0.95.

Table 22, page 49 gives details of the deaths from cancer since 1946.

**Maternal Mortality.** (Table 4, page 30). It is very gratifying to report that for the fourteenth successive year there has been no maternal death in the Borough.

**Infant Mortality.** The infant mortality rate, which is the death-rate of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births, is shown in Table 5, page 30, in comparison with the rate for England and Wales. In considering the rate for Kettering, it should be borne in mind that on account of the annual number of live births being only approximately 500, each infantile death shows as approximately 2 in the infant mortality rate which is calculated per 1,000 live births. Table 7, page 32 shows the causes of deaths of infants.



**State of Employment.** The Kettering Employment Exchange covers the Borough of Kettering, the Urban Districts of Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell and a number of villages in the Kettering Rural District, and the following statistics therefore refer to the whole of the Exchange area.

Number of persons who were registered as unemployed							
on 1st January, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	Men	29
						Women	48

Number of persons who were registered as unemployed							
on 31st December, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	Men	58
						Women	65

Of these, 16 men and 1 woman are registered as disabled persons.

The principal trades for which there were vacancies for men were : agriculture, iron ore quarrying, concrete roof tile manufacture, blast furnaces, foundries (iron and aluminium), engineering (mechanical), motor repairing, leather dressing, boot and shoe manufacture, wood last manufacture, building and civil engineering, gas undertakings, road and rail transport, road maintenance (local authorities), distributive trades, cereal manufacture, and for women : clothing manufacture, boot and shoe manufacture, cereal manufacture, corset manufacture, cardboard box making, printing and binding, distributive trades, hospital and nursing services, hotel and catering trades and private domestic service, plastic goods manufacture.

A little under employment has been experienced in Boot and Shoe and Clothing Manufacture, otherwise full employment in the area has continued. A large number of vacancies were outstanding for both men and women, but towards the end of the year vacancies for *unskilled* workers showed a considerable reduction.

**Meteorology.** (Table 8, page 32). This information is included in this report for the third time and comparable figures for last year are shown. The total recorded rainfall for the year was 24.55 inches compared with 21.8 inches in 1955 and 33.33 inches in 1954. The wettest month was August and the driest May. The heaviest recorded rainfall in 24 hours was 1.02 inches on 3rd August. No rainfall was recorded on 161 days as compared with 199 days in 1955.

The highest temperature recorded was 80°F. on 25th and 26th July, and the lowest 13°F. on 4th February.



## II. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

**Treatment Centres and Clinics.** Out-patient Clinics provided by the Kettering and District Hospital Management Committee of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board are as follows :—

### At Kettering General Hospital.

Dental	...	...	...	...	Thursday, 9 a.m.
Orthopaedic	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Physical Medicine	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 11.30 a.m.
					Friday, 9 a.m.
Orthoptic	...	...	...	...	By appointment.

### At St. Mary's Hospital.

Medicine	...	...	...	...	1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays in month at 8.30 a.m. Friday, 8.30 a.m.
Surgery	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Gynaecology and Obstetrics				...	Monday, 9 a.m.
Urology	...	...	...	...	Wednesday, 2 p.m.
Ear, Nose and Throat			...	...	Tuesday, 8.30 a.m. Thursday, 2 p.m.
Ophthalmology	...	...	...	...	Monday, 2 p.m. Friday, 10.30 a.m.
Dermatology	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 1.30 p.m.
Paediatric	...	...	...	...	Thursday, 9 a.m.
Psychiatry	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 1.45 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m.
Radiotherapy	...	...	...	...	Wednesday, 2 p.m.
Radiotherapy and Surgery	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Mondays in month at 2 p.m.
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	Friday, 2 p.m.
Speech Therapy	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 9 a.m.
Venereal Diseases	...	(Women)			Tuesday, 5.30 p.m.
		(Men)			Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.
Wart	...	...	...	...	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays in month at 2 p.m.
Geriatric	...	...	...	...	Thursday, 2 p.m.

An appointments system is operated for all clinics except that for Venereal Diseases.

The following Clinics and Treatment Centres are provided by the Northamptonshire County Council :—

### Ante-Natal and Post-natal Clinics.

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	...	Wednesday, 9 a.m. Thursday, 1.30 p.m. (except 3rd in month). Friday, 9 a.m.
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**Child Welfare Clinics.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	Monday, 2 p.m.
			Wednesday, 2 p.m.
			Friday, 2 p.m.

**Toddlers' Clinic.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	Third Tuesday in month
				2 p.m.

**Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation Clinics.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	Third Saturday in month
				9 a.m.

**Vaccination Clinic.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	Fourth Saturday in month
				9 a.m.

**Minor Ailment Clinic.**

School Clinic, Stockburn Memorial				
Home	...	...	...	...
				Every weekday, 9 a.m.

**Ophthalmic Clinic.**

School Clinic, Stockburn Memorial				
Home	...	...	...	...
				By appointment.

**Speech Clinic.**

School Clinic, Stockburn Memorial				
Home	...	...	...	...
				By appointment.

**Child Guidance Clinic.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	By appointment.
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**Family Planning Clinic.**

School Lane Centre	...	...	...	First two Saturdays in
				month at 9 a.m.

**Chest Clinic (Tuberculosis).**

Health Clinic, Market Street	...	Tuesday, 1.30 p.m.
		(Treatment Session).
		Friday, 9 a.m.
		(Examinations).

**Laboratory Facilities.** The following specimens were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton :—

Water—Town’s supply from taps	...	...	...	...	1
Water—Wells	...	...	...	...	14
Water—Council’s Swimming Bath					
(Bacteriological examination)	...	...			4
Water—Other Swimming Baths and Paddling Pools					
(Bacteriological examination)	...	...			7

The following specimens were sent to the Public Health Laboratory Northampton or the Laboratory at the Kettering and District General Hospital :—

Faecal Specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	330
Blood	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nasal Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

**Health Education.** The Local Government Exhibition held from 17th—31st March, 1956, gave a very useful opportunity for Health Education and in addition to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food display stand which housed live mice and rats, the Department’s stand showed a diagram illustrating the chain of administration in the control of infectious disease ; a food hygiene section incorporating pictures of ideal food premises and food handling methods ; specimens of diseased meat and a laboratory display to indicate the growth of germs from unwashed hands and from infected foods ; and pictures taken in a northern town of unfit houses which would be dealt with under a clearance programme, showing some areas which had been redeveloped.

Copies of “*Better Health*” and various pamphlets were distributed from the stand.



### III. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

**Water.** The Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board, which was formed on 1st July, 1949, is responsible for the provision of water supplies to the Borough of Kettering.

The Engineer and Manager of that Board has very kindly supplied the following information :—

“The total quantity of water supplied to the Borough of Kettering was from Cransley, 438,554,000 gallons and from Corby, 32,612,000 gallons making in all 471,166,000 gallons or a daily average of 1,291,000 gallons.

The rainfall figures for Cransley and Thorpe Malsor were as follows :—

	First Quarter 1956	Second Quarter 1956	Third Quarter 1956	Fourth Quarter 1956	Total
Cransley ... ..	5.44"	4.75"	11.30"	5.57"	27.06"
Thorpe Malsor ...	5.54"	4.43"	11.04"	5.46"	26.47"

During the year 205 samples were examined of various waters concerned in the supply to Kettering. The schedule of these is as follows :—

Description	Bacteriological Analyses			
Kettering General Supply ... ..	...	...	...	23
Stanion Lane (Corby) raw water ... ..	...	...	...	49
Stanion Lane (Corby) sedimented ... ..	...	...	...	43
Stanion Lane (Corby) final filtered ... ..	...	...	...	47
Total ... ..	...	...	...	162

The characteristics of the water are the same as those shown in copies of the chemical analyses previously supplied.

The Works at Pitsford were inaugurated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, on 25th October, 1956.

The works were brought into supply early in December, the water being filtered and sterilised, but not yet softened.

The storage at the reservoir at the end of December was 2,700 million gallons out of a maximum of 3,860 million gallons. (Compare with the maximum storage at Cransley of 160 million gallons, and at Thorpe Malsor of 130 million gallons).

Kettering is now supplied with water from Pitsford reservoir and Cransley only.”

**Well Water.** During the year the town's water supply was laid on to one house and one factory.

The following table shows the estimated details of the water supply in the town :—

	Dwelling Houses	Estimated Population
Total Number ... ..	12,170	36,990
Supplied direct from town's mains ... ..	12,014	36,504
Supplied from wells ... ..	9	18
Supplied from standpipes in yards ... ..	115	368
Supplied from taps in outbuildings ... ..	32	100



**Drainage and Sewerage.** During the year 87 connections were made to the Barton Seagrave sewers. The total number of old houses in Barton Seagrave originally drained by cesspool was 273 and at the end of the year only 20 of these houses were so drained.

Foul and surface water sewers on the Windmill Avenue Housing Estate were laid and connections continue to be made as new houses and flats are erected.

A new foul sewer was laid to provide drainage facilities for 17 properties in Windmill Avenue and all but one of these properties have been connected thereto.

Connections to the Pytchley Road Housing Estate continue to be made as new houses and flats are erected.

Foul and surface water sewers have been laid on a privately developed estate in Polwell Lane and connections to these sewers are in progress.

Two hundred and twenty-one cesspool emptyings have been carried out in the Borough and 17 outside the Borough. One hundred and fifty-nine catchpits have also been emptied.

The Corporation's Sewage Disposal Works at Finedon has given satisfaction throughout the year.

**Rivers and Streams.** Rivers and streams generally have been watched for possible pollution.

**Public Cleansing.** Refuse collection and disposal, scavenging and the cleansing of streets and street gullies has proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year.

Care has been taken to ensure that the normal requirements of controlled refuse tipping are complied with at the London Road Tip and at Cherry Hall. An outbreak of crickets at the London Road Tip was effectively dealt with during the summer.

The incinerator at the Corporation Depot, Northfield Avenue, continues to give good service.

**Private Street Works.** During the year part of Scott Road and a section of Cowper Street from Britannia Road to Reservoir Road were made up under the Private Street Works Act, 1892.

**District Inspection.** The work of the public health inspectors is summarised in table 9 page 33. Three thousand seven hundred and fifty-one inspections and visits were made during 1956.

**Closet Accommodation.** The following table indicates the premises which are not at present connected to the Council's sewers :

	Original Urban District	Barton Seagrave	Total
Houses on water carriage system to septic tank or cesspools ... ..	13	23	36
Houses with pail, earth or chemical closets or privy ... ..	5	5	10
Factories on water carriage system to septic tank ... ..	—	2	2
			—
			48
			—

**Factories.** Table 12, page 36 gives particulars of premises on the register and work done under the Factories Act, 1937, in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

**Camping Sites.** No sites in the area were used for holiday camping purposes during 1956.

The Northampton Road site which is used by travelling Fairs was kept under sanitary supervision during the time it was used.

**Swimming Baths and Pools.** The Council's Open Air Bath was used by 12,340 persons compared with 34,401 during the previous year.

The attendance at the Council's Covered Swimming Bath was 73,428, including 12,626 from schools, as compared with 69,721 and 10,539 respectively for 1955.

The Slipper Baths were used by 22,701 as compared with 23,739 in the previous year.

Four samples of water were taken from the Council's Swimming Baths and submitted for bacteriological examination and very satisfactory reports thereon were received.

Seven samples of water were taken from the Wicksteed Park Children's Bathing and Paddling Pools and submitted for bacteriological examination. Two specimens showed unsatisfactory count but no faecal pollution. Very satisfactory reports were received in respect of the other five samples.

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.** (Table 10, page 35). During the year 240 applications for the services of the Rodent Operative were received. It is gratifying to record that occupiers of premises where infestations exist or are suspected, continue to seek the early assistance of the Public Health Department and by so doing enable any infestations to be quickly eradicated.

Three major rat infestations were found and dealt with. Despite being under constant supervision one of the major infestations occurred at a refuse tip. The others occurred on the outskirts of the district. Prompt treatment quickly removed the infestations.

Seven infestations by rats and one by mice were dealt with at food premises.

Three infestations occurred through defective sewers and drains and upon the necessary repairs being executed no more rats have been seen at the premises involved.



## IV. HOUSING

**Individual Unfit Houses.** Table 13, page 37 shows the houses which have been officially represented as unfit under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and for which undertakings have been accepted that they will not be let for human habitation. No individual houses were so represented during the year 1956.

**Clearance of Unfit Houses.** Table 15, page 39 shows the position as at the 31st December, 1956 of the houses in Clearance Areas which were officially represented during 1955 and Table 16, page 40 shows those houses which were represented during 1956 for inclusion in Clearance Areas.

The original estimate of the number of houses to be dealt with in the five year programme, in accordance with Circular 55/54 of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, was 200 and of this number a total of 78 had been represented by the end of 1956.

**Repairs to Property.** Table 17, page 41 gives details of the work of the public health inspectors in this connection. Two hundred and twenty-nine informal notices (including 103 verbal notices) were served and three statutory notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936. One hundred and twelve informal notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

**Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.** Eighteen certificates of disrepair were issued in 1956 under Section 26(1) of this Act. Four applications were granted for the revocation of such certificates after the necessary works had been completed.

**Improvement Grants.** Improvement Grants under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949, were made in respect of 88 dwelling-houses of which only five were rented, the others being in owner-occupation. It appears that landlords are unwilling to take advantage of this scheme, possibly due to the present restricted rents.

**Overcrowding.** One new case of overcrowding was reported during the year and ten cases were relieved during the year, leaving four dwellings, housing six families comprising twenty-nine persons living in overcrowded conditions at the end of 1956. In all cases the overcrowding is slight when measured by the standards of Section 58 of the Housing Act, 1936.



**Housing Statistics.** Below are the particulars for 1956 set out in the form required by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government :—

Number of dwelling-houses erected during the year :

(a)	1.	By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	149
	2.	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	—
	3.	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	220
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts (Included in (a) ) :						
	1.	By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	149
	2.	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	—

**1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :**

(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	727
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	48
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerously injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	48
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	163

**2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	412
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**3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :**

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

**B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :**

- |     |  |        |     |
|-----|--|--------|-----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ...    | 4   |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :         |        |     |
| (a) | By owners  | ... .. | 4   |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of owners  | ... .. | Nil |

**C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :**

- |     |   |        |     |
|-----|---|--------|-----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | ... .. | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders    | ... .. | Nil |

**D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :**

- |     |   |     |     |
|-----|---|-----|-----|
| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made  | ... | Nil |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | ... | Nil |

**4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding :**

- |     |     |   |        |     |
|-----|-----|---|--------|-----|
| (1) | (a) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at 31st December, 1956  | ... .. | 4   |
|     | (b) | Number of families dwelling therein   | ... .. | 6   |
|     | (c) | Number of persons dwelling therein  | ... .. | 29  |
| (2) |     | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year  | ... .. | 1   |
| (3) | (a) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year  | ... .. | 10  |
|     | (b) | Number of persons concerned in such cases   | ...    | 83  |
| (4) |     | Particulars of any case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding |        | Nil |

**Other Housing Matters.** There were 1,100 live applications on the Council's Register awaiting consideration for re-housing at the end of 1956 as compared with 1,050 at the end of 1955.

In connection with the allocation of Council houses as far as the Public Health Department is concerned, recommendations are made from time to time by the Medical Officer of Health after personal visits have been made to investigate the circumstances of each case. Medical and social assessments are forwarded to the Housing Manager.

Six hundred and nineteen requisitions for a search under the Land Charges Act, 1925, were received.

## V. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :

#### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1949.

Number of dairymen licensed to retail pasteurised milk	21
Number of dairymen licensed to retail tuberculin-tested milk	6
Number of dairymen licensed to retail pasteurised tuberculin-tested milk	17
Number of dairymen licensed to retail sterilised milk	10

The following table gives the summary of results of milk samples taken in accordance with paragraph 89 of the Kettering Improvement Act 1904 :—

Type of milk	Test	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Pasteurised	Methylene Blue	6	—	6
Pasteurised	Phosphatase	6	—	6
Tuberculin-tested	Methylene Blue	7	—	7
Tuberculin-tested Pasteurised	Methylene Blue	3	—	3
Tuberculin-tested Pasteurised	Phosphatase Test	3	—	3
Sterilised	Turbidity	1	—	1

Seven samples of milk (tuberculin-tested) were submitted for microscopical and biological examination for tubercle bacilli and negative results were obtained.

**Ice-Cream.** Twelve samples of ice-cream and one ice-lolly were taken from six producers or retailers in accordance with the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Ten of the samples were reported to be grade 1 (Satisfactory) and two as grade 2 (Fair). The ice lolly was also reported as being satisfactory.

**Meat and other Foods.** There were three licensed slaughter-houses in use during the year.

As noted in the Annual Report for 1954, the practice has continued whereby a number of the butchers purchase their requirements from wholesalers outside the Borough and a local wholesaler, in addition to having a large number of animals slaughtered in the town, has also imported a considerable quantity of meat from Eire which was distributed inside, but principally outside the district.

The number of carcasses examined was 22,206 (3,845 cattle, 231 calves, 11,009 pigs and 7,121 sheep and lambs) compared with 20,135 carcasses (2,117 cattle, 197 calves, 11,624 pigs and 6,197 sheep and lambs) in 1955.

Four hundred and eighty-three visits were made to slaughter-houses and 43 visits were made to the Cattle and General Markets. Inspection of meat vehicles operating in the Borough was undertaken from time to time.



Twenty-six slaughtermen were licensed in accordance with the requirements of the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1954. No contraventions of these acts were found.

Mr. E. W. Hudson, M.R.C.V.S., the local Veterinary Inspector for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food attends the Cattle Market each week to deal with any case coming within the purview of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, 1894-1935.

As a result of visits being made to slaughterhouses it was found necessary to condemn 17 tons, 4 cwts., 2 qrs.,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of meat and offals as being unfit for human consumption. Other food materials weighing 2 tons, 16 cwts., 3 qrs.,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. were condemned as a result of visits to premises where food was stored, prepared or sold. Four hundred and fourteen certificates were issued in respect of home killed meat and offals and in addition eight hundred and sixty-nine certificates were issued to traders to enable them to obtain compensation in respect of unfit foods.

**Cysticercus Bovis.** Three cases of cysticercus bovis were detected in the carcasses examined.

**Disposal of condemned food.** The arrangement made with members of the trade whereby all condemned carcase meat and offals is received by a fat and tallow merchant in Northampton continues to function satisfactorily.

Other condemned foods continue to be buried in the Council's refuse tip, all tins being punctured before burial.

**Bakehouses.** Twenty-two visits were made to bakehouses, which were found to be satisfactory.

**Fried Fish Shops.** Twenty visits were made to these premises, which were in a satisfactory condition.



## VI. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Table 21, page 48, shows the age groups of the various infectious diseases notified during the year.

**Scarlet Fever.** One hundred and six cases of scarlet fever were notified. The attack rate for the Borough of Kettering was therefore 2.87. There were no deaths.

**Pneumonia.** Twenty-six cases of primary or post-influenzal pneumonia were notified. The attack rate for Kettering was 0.70. Eighteen deaths were ascribed to pneumonia, the figures for the previous year being 38 cases notified and 13 deaths attributed to pneumonia (all forms).

**Erysipelas.** Ten cases were notified, giving a local attack rate of 0.27.

**Whooping Cough.** Seven cases of whooping cough were notified. The attack rate was 0.19. There were no deaths.

**Measles.** Three hundred and three notifications of measles were received. The local attack rate was 8.19. There were no deaths.

**Meningococcal Infection.** Two notifications were received.

**Enteric Fever.** No cases of paratyphoid fever were notified.

**Dysentery.** Forty cases of Sonne Dysentery were notified. There were no deaths.

**Acute Poliomyelitis.** Two "paralytic" cases were notified, neither were Kettering residents, but were notified from Kettering General Hospital.

**Infectious Hepatitis.** Four notifications of infectious hepatitis were received, as compared with one hundred and seventy-eight cases notified in 1955.

**Food Poisoning.** Three cases of food poisoning were notified and were confirmed due to salmonella enteriditis.

**Scabies.** Eight cases of scabies were treated, the patients being given 16 baths followed by treatment with benzylbenzoate emulsion. Four patients were adults and two were children.

**Cancer.** The deaths from cancer show no appreciable change from previous years, as shown in Table 22, page 49.

**Disinfecting and Cleansing Station.** The eight cases of scabies mentioned in the preceding paragraph were dealt with at the disinfecting and cleansing station. Four hundred and fifty articles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam or hot air, a decrease of 74 on the figure for 1955 and 501 on the figure for 1954. Two hundred and nineteen articles were destroyed at the request of the owners. Two hundred and eighty-six rooms were disinfected.

The site of the present Disinfecting and Cleansing Station is in the middle of property now owned by the East Midlands Electricity Board who wish to take over this island site for their own use and pending the decision of the Council regarding the provision of a new Disinfecting Station, arrangements have been made with the Kettering and District Hospital Management Committee for steam disinfection of bedding etc., to be carried out at St. Mary's Hospital for a trial period of one year, commencing on 1st January, 1957.

### ANTI-TOXIN, ETC.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, hospital management committees are responsible for making anti-toxin available to doctors.

Medical practitioners may obtain supply of calf lymph, diphtheria prophylactic and anti-diphtheria serum from Kettering General Hospital pathological laboratory.

Whooping cough vaccine and combined diphtheria and pertussis prophylactic is available free to medical practitioners who may obtain supplies from the County Health Department, Northampton.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

At the request of the Ministry of Health a publicity campaign for Diphtheria Immunisation was held and posters were displayed on Council and other vehicles.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, show the position in Kettering, and indicate the number of children who have been immunised during the year in age groups :—

Under 5 years	5—14 years	Total
329	4	333

It is necessary for each child who has been immunised in infancy to receive a re-inforcing dose of prophylactic at the age of 4—5 years and again about the eighth birthday.

During the year 135 children have been given these “booster” doses.

The numbers of Kettering children who have completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1956, are given in the following table :—

Age at 31.12.56 <i>i.e.</i> , Born in Year	Under 1 1956	1 1955	2 1954	3 1953	4 1952	5-9 1947— 1951	10-14 1942— 1946	Total Under 15
Number immunised	53	309	334	361	335	1,983	2,097	5,472

### WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

The number of children who have received whooping cough immunisation during the year is given below in age groups :—

	Under 1	1—4	5—14	Total
Whooping Cough only ... ..	—	2	6	8
*Combined diphtheria/whooping cough ...	219	102	3	324

\*The combined diphtheria/whooping cough figures are included in the figures for diphtheria immunisation

### VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Modern methods of transport have made it more essential for parents to protect their infants against smallpox.

	Under 1	1—4 yrs.	5—14 yrs.	15 & over	Total
Primary	214	30	16	42	302
Re-vaccination	—	2	6	48	56

### POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis of children born between 1947 and 1954 inclusive commenced in May and the children born in the months of August or November in the years 1947-1954 and those born in the months of March or October in the years 1951-1954 were the first to be called for vaccination in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health. The numbers vaccinated during the year were :—

Age :	2	3	4	5—9	Total
	6	13	17	72	108

### INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AND INOCULATION

Kettering, like other authorities, authenticates the doctors' signatures on the certificates of inoculation against certain diseases, for persons travelling abroad.



## VII. TUBERCULOSIS

The Oxford Regional Hospital Board, through the Hospital Management Committee is responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and the Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Twenty-one cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and three cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in 1956. In 1955 the figures were 13 and 4 respectively. The Registrar-General returns the number of deaths from Tuberculosis as : pulmonary 4, non-pulmonary 1. In 1955 the figures given by the Registrar-General were 4 and Nil.

Table 23, on page 50, shows the age groups of both the new cases and the deaths.

There continues to be very little delay before notified cases are admitted to a sanatorium.

Four houses were allocated to tuberculous families during the year.

The Kettering Tuberculosis Care Committee undertakes the care and after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis and gives valuable assistance to patients and their families, by the provision of milk, groceries, etc., to suitable cases.

It is regretted that statistics relating to B.C.G. vaccination of Kettering children are not available.

## VIII. WELFARE

**National Assistance Act, 1947, Section 47, Persons in need of Care and Attention.** Several visits were paid to persons who came under notice during the year but it was not necessary to take any action under this Section of the Act.

**Welfare of the Aged.** The work of the Kettering Old People's Welfare Association is described by their Honorary Secretary, Mrs. D. Stirling, as follows :—

“During the year over 1,000 patients had treatment under the Chiropody Service.

There were two distributions of coal—one of 2 cwts. per person and one of 3 cwts. per person to about 85 old people in need and living alone.

Many old people were visited by our representatives during the year.

We have found it increasingly difficult to carry on the work due to lack of helpers but recently we advertised in the press and there was quite a good response. We are now in the process of building up the organisation and hope that many more old people will be visited in future.”

The Darby and Joan Clubs organised under the auspices of the W.V.S. continue to prove very popular and during the year a third club was opened and the total number of members of the three clubs then became approximately 400. Each club meets once a week for a social afternoon. Holidays, outings and other social activities are arranged for the members.

**National Assistance Act, 1947, Section 50. Disposal of the Dead.** During 1956 two persons were buried by the local authority under this scheme.

## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

**Examination of Employees.** Five males and five females were medically examined by the Medical Officer of Health and all were considered fit for employment in the Council's service.

**Cremation.** Nine hundred and twenty-seven cremations were carried out during the year at the Kettering Crematorium, and of this number only 230 were Kettering residents.

On four occasions it was necessary for the Medical Referee to enlist the services of the Pathologist appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Cremation Regulations, 1930.



X. STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1

Vital Statistics for the years 1947 to 1956

Year	Estimated Population (Mid-year)	LIVE BIRTHS			DEATHS				
		No.	Rate		Under 1 year		All ages		
			Crude	Corrected	No.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	No.	Rate	
								Crude	Corrected
1947	36,500	726	19.89	— *	18	24.79	458	12.55	— *
1948	36,840	659	17.89	— *	19	28.83	451	12.24	— *
1949	37,110	557	15.00	— *	19	34.11	401	10.87	10.05
1950	37,340	502	13.44	13.84	10	19.92	442	11.84	10.89
1951	36,740	510	13.88	14.3	10	19.61	411	11.19	10.3
1952	36,600	500	13.66	14.1	16	32.00	388	10.60	9.8
1953	36,510	529	14.49	14.92	15	28.36	500†	13.70†	12.6†
1954	36,590	503	13.75	14.85	17	33.80	402	10.99	10.0
1955	36,590	488	13.34	14.40	13	26.64	427	11.67	10.62
1956	36,990	510	13.79	14.89	9	17.65	443	11.98	11.38

\* No area comparability factor available for these years.

† These figures are inflated due to the inclusion by the Registrar-General of 92 deaths at St. Mary's Hospital of non-residents. Had these been transferred in accordance with previous procedure the corrected death-rate would have been 10.29.

Table 2

England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1947-56  
Birth Rates

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
England and Wales	20.5	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0	15.7
Kettering ... ..	19.89	17.89	15.00	13.84	14.3	14.1	14.92	14.85	14.40	14.89

Table 3

England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1947-56  
Death Rates

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
England and Wales	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7	11.7
Kettering ... ..	12.55	12.24	10.05	10.89	10.3	9.8	12.6†	10.0	10.62	11.38

† See note to Table 1

**Table 4**

**England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1947-56**  
**Maternal Mortality**

(Per 1,000 total (live and still) births)

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
England and Wales	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.64	0.56
Kettering ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

**Table 5**

**England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1947-56**  
**Infant Mortality**

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
England and Wales	41.0	34.0	32.0	29.8	29.6	27.6	26.8	26.0	24.9	23.8
Kettering ... ..	24.79	28.83	34.11	19.92	19.61	32.0	28.36	33.80	26.64	17.65

**Table 6**  
**Registered Causes of Death**

						Males	Females	Total
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	239	204	443
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
2.	Tuberculosis, Other Forms	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	9	3	12
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	8	4	12
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	5	5
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	18	23	41
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	30	34	64
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	45	26	71
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	45	40	85
21.	Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	8	15	23
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	13	5	18
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	15	2	17
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	6	—	6
30.	Pregnancy, child birth, abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	9	23	32
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	8	1	9
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Death of infants under 1 year :								
Total	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Death of infants under four weeks of age :								
Total	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—



**Table 7**  
**Infant Mortality 1956—Causes of Death**

Cause	Number of deaths
Congenital Malformations ... ..	3
Partial Pulmonary Collapse ... ..	1
Rhesus factor incompatibility ... ..	1
All other causes including Premature Births	4
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	9
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**Table 8**  
**Meteorological Data, 1956**  
(Details for 1955 shown in brackets)

MONTH	RAINFALL				TEMPERATURE			
	Total inches	Greatest in 24 hours		Days on which no recorded rainfall	Maximum		Minimum	
		Depth	Date		Deg.	Date	Deg.	Date
January ...	4.15 (1.86)	0.69 (0.52)	31	10 (18)	52 (53)	1	26 (18)	6, 10
February ...	0.76 (2.39)	0.11 (0.37)	11	6 (7)	48 (53)	5	13 (14)	4
March ...	0.76 (2.42)	0.23 (0.78)	3	18 (19)	62 (58)	23, 26	22 (15)	12
April ...	1.19 (0.73)	0.78 (0.21)	13	14 (21)	60 (66)	9	27 (24)	23
May ...	0.66 (4.23)	0.34 (1.13)	29	25 (10)	77 (68)	23	34 (33)	19, 27
June ...	2.72 (2.45)	0.81 (0.54)	11	9 (15)	72 (75)	25	39 (33)	15, 18
July ...	3.6 (0.17)	0.81 (0.14)	8	10 (28)	80 (87)	25, 26	46 (46)	11
August ...	4.29 (0.72)	1.02 (0.28)	3	4 (23)	69 (84)	10	43 (44)	26, 31
September	1.85 (1.16)	0.46 (0.39)	1	18 (21)	75 (75)	13	45 (39)	1, 8, 27, 28
October ...	1.18 (2.34)	0.53 (0.63)	1	17 (17)	62 (70)	1,13,15 & 16	30 (28)	26
November	0.73 (1.41)	0.18 (0.43)	13	18 (10)	56 (63)	8	28 (25)	30
December	2.66 (1.93)	0.49 (0.32)	23	12 (10)	53 (58)	3	27 (22)	19, 22

**Table 9**

**Summary of Routine Work of the Public Health Inspectors**

Nature of Visit, Inspection, etc.							Number of Visits, etc.
<b>House Inspection.</b>							
Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	373
Measured under the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Reviewed under the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
In respect of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	493
Coming under observation	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
At request of builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
At request of owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
At request of Housing Manager and others	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
<b>Infectious Disease.</b>							
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Infectious Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
A.P.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
<b>General Sanitation.</b>							
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
"    "    "    "    revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Factories without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
"    "    "    "    revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Tents, vans and sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	313
Ineffective visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Interviews with owners, agents, builders and tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	459

**Table 9—continued.**

Nature of Visits, Inspection, etc.						Number of Visits, etc.
<b>Drainage.</b>						
Smoke test applied to drains	...	...	...	...	...	61
Water test applied to reconstructed drains	...	...	...	...	...	7
Smoke test applied to repaired drains	...	...	...	...	...	4
<b>Disinfection.</b>						
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	286
Articles of bedding, etc., disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	450
Articles of bedding, etc., destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	219
Baths given for scabies (a) to Kettering school children	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) to other Kettering persons	...	...	...	...	...	6
<b>Meat and Food Inspection :</b>						
Visits to :						
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	483
Butcher's shops	...	...	...	...	...	68
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	22
Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	16
Fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	20
Food shops	...	...	...	...	...	483
Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	1
Markets	...	...	...	...	...	43
Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	73
Inns, refreshment houses, hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	66
Restaurants and cafés	...	...	...	...	...	51
Wholesale Meat Depot	...	...	...	...	...	24
<b>Notices Served.</b>						
Informal notices :						
Preliminary notices served	...	...	...	...	...	126
Verbal notices given	...	...	...	...	...	103
Cautionary letters sent	...	...	...	...	...	20
Statutory notices :						
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 93	...	...	...	...	...	3
<b>Summary.</b>						
Total number of primary inspections and visits	...	...	...	...	...	3386
Total number of secondary visits	...	...	...	...	...	365
						3751



**Table 10**

**Rodent Control  
Sewer Maintenance Treatment**

	First	Second	Total
1. Number of manholes baited ... ..	220	221	441
2. Number of manholes showing pre-bait takes	106	91	197
3. Number of manholes showing complete pre-bait take (on one or both days) ... ..	87	65	152
4. Number of manholes test-baited in conjunction with this treatment and not included above ... ..	205	Nil	205
5. Number of complete takes in paragraph 4 above ... ..	16	Nil	16

**Table 11**

**Rodent Control**

**Work of Rodent Operative  
(excluding Sewer Maintenance Treatment)**

Number of visits by Rodent Operative ... ..	...	...	1320
Number of rats destroyed (excluding those poisoned) ... ..	...	...	269
Number of visits re mice ... ..	...	...	94
Number of occasions traps used ... ..	...	...	649
Number of occasions poison gas used ... ..	...	...	2
Number of occasions dogs and/or ferrets used ... ..	...	...	72
Quantity of poison laid (ounces) zinc phosphide ... ..	...	...	910
Quantity of poison taken (ounces) zinc phosphide ... ..	...	...	586½
Quantity of poison laid (ounces) "Warfarin" 0.1% ... ..	...	...	571
Quantity of poison laid (ounces) "Warfarin" 0.5% ... ..	...	...	734
Quantity of poison laid (ounces) "Antu" ... ..	...	...	70
Quantity of poison laid (ounces) "Red Squill" ... ..	...	...	10
Number of rats found poisoned ... ..	...	...	370
Visits re Wasps ... ..	...	...	7

**Table 12**  
**Factories Act, 1937**

**1. Inspections** (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors ):

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	28	6	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	235	144	5 *	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	6	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	269	150†	5 *	Nil

\* Informal.

† Does not include 17 secondary visits during the year

**2. Cases in which Defects were found :**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	15	—	3	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	6	21	—	2	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Out-work) ... ..	—	6	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	7	42	Nil	5	Nil

Outwork in unwholesome premises ... .. Nil

**Table 13**

**Housing Act, 1936, Section 11**

Undertakings not to relet for human habitation accepted

Address	Date of Undertaking	Position at the 31st December, 1956
Court 5, Montagu Street (Four houses)	4. 2. 29	Vacant
8 Hazelwood Lane	4. 6. 29	Vacant
9 Hazelwood Lane		Vacant
10 Hazelwood Lane		Vacant
11 Hazelwood Lane		Vacant
12 Hazelwood Lane		Vacant
39 Meadow Road	17. 3. 37	Vacant
40 Meadow Road		Vacant
1 Court 5, Meadow Road	23. 4. 52	Vacant
2 Court 5, Meadow Road	11. 12. 51	Vacant
3 Court 5, Meadow Road	25. 6. 48	Vacant
4 Court 5, Meadow Road	5. 4. 50	Vacant
5 Court 5, Meadow Road	23. 4. 52	Vacant
6 Court 5, Meadow Road	11. 7. 50	Vacant
32 Meadow Road	21. 2. 54	Vacant
21 Queen Street	12. 4. 45	Vacant—Included in Clearance Area
2 Spring Gardens, Northall Street	30. 5. 52	Vacant
3 Spring Gardens, Northall Street		Vacant
4 Spring Gardens, Northall Street		Vacant
5 Spring Gardens, Northall Street		Vacant
6 Spring Gardens, Northall Street		Vacant
7 Spring Gardens, Northall Street		Vacant
2 Grooms Yard, Northall Street	9. 6. 53	Occupied
3 Grooms Yard, Northall Street	9. 6. 53	Vacant
4 Grooms Yard, Northall Street	30. 11. 51	Vacant
10 Northall Street	13. 11. 51	} Being used as store
12 Northall Street	5. 7. 50	
28 Northall Street	8. 6. 49	Vacant
30 Northall Street	8. 6. 49	Vacant
32 Northall Street	30. 5. 52	Vacant
34 Northall Street	30. 5. 52	Vacant
36 Northall Street	30. 5. 52	Vacant
38 Northall Street	30. 5. 52	Vacant
42 Northall Street	8. 6. 49	Vacant
44 Northall Street	7. 11. 50	Vacant
43 Northall Street	10. 10. 53	Occupied
39 High Street (1st & 2nd floors)	18. 9. 50	Being used for business
2 Pleasant Place, Rockingham Road	14. 7. 54	Vacant
3 Pleasant Place, Rockingham Road	25. 4. 55	Vacant
6 Pleasant Place, Rockingham Road	10. 1. 51	Vacant
6 Uppingham Terrace	1950	Vacant—Owned by Northamptonshire County Council
Second Lodge, Rockingham Road	22. 7. 52	Being used as store
3 Upper Street	9. 6. 53	Vacant
1 Southfield Farm Cottages	20. 7. 54	Vacant
2 Southfield Farm Cottages		Vacant
New Lodge, Warkton Lane	30. 3. 55	Vacant
112 Bath Road	4. 8. 55	Demolished 21.3.56
2 Newland Passage	10. 8. 55	Vacant



**Table 14**

**Housing Act, 1936, Section 12**

**Closing Order**

Address	Date of Order	Remarks
76a High Street, being the first and second floors of 72, 74 and 76 High Street	25. 3. 54	Being used for business purposes

**Table 15**

**Housing Act, 1936, and Local Government  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955**

Houses represented prior to 1956  
Subsequent action and condition at end of 1956

	Date Represented	Clearance Area Dec.	C.O., C.P.O. etc.	Remarks
<b>Clearance Area No. 5</b>				
1 Little Barton	10.9.55	26.10.55	Purchased by Negotiation	Occupied
2 Little Barton				Occupied
3 Little Barton				Occupied
4 Little Barton				Vacant
5 Little Barton				Occupied
<b>Clearance Area No. 6</b>				
3 Freestone Row	10.9.55	26.10.55	C.O. 15.3.56	Vacant
4 Freestone Row				Vacant
5 Freestone Row				Vacant
6 Freestone Row				Vacant
7 Freestone Row				Occupied
8 Freestone Row				Vacant
15 Jobs Yard				Occupied
16 Jobs Yard				Occupied
17 Jobs Yard				Occupied
18 Jobs Yard	Vacant			
<b>Clearance Area No. 7</b>				
16 Richard Leys	10.9.55	26.10.55	C.O. 15.3.56	Vacant
17 Richard Leys				Vacant
18 Richard Leys				Occupied
19 Richard Leys				Occupied
<b>Clearance Area No. 8</b>				
2 Tanners Lane	1.10.55	23.11.55	C.O. 27.3.56	Vacant
3 Tanners Lane				Vacant
4 Tanners Lane				Occupied
5 Tanners Lane				Vacant
6 Tanners Lane				Occupied
<b>Clearance Area No. 9</b>				
21 Northall Street	1.10.55	23.11.55	Purchased by Negotiation	Occupied
23 Northall Street				Occupied
25 Northall Street				Occupied
27 Northall Street				Occupied
29 Northall Street				Vacant
31 Northall Street				Occupied
33 Northall Street				Occupied
<b>Clearance Area No. 10</b>				
4 Crispin Place	2.12.55	25.1.56	C.O. 13.7.56	Vacant
5 Crispin Place				Occupied
6 Crispin Place				Vacant

Table 16

**Housing Act, 1936, and Local Government  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955**

Houses represented during 1956  
Subsequent action and condition at end of 1956

Date Represented	Clearance Area Dec.	C.O., C.P.O. etc.	Remarks	
Clearance Area No. 11				
3 Hazelwood Lane	10.1.56	22.2.56	Being purchased by negotiation	Occupied
4 Hazelwood Lane				Occupied
5 Hazelwood Lane				Occupied
6 Hazelwood Lane				Occupied
Clearance Area No. 12				
48 Wadcroft	10.1.56	22.2.56	C.O. 13.7.56	Occupied
49 Wadcroft				Occupied
Clearance Area No. 13				
17 Queen Street	30.4.56	26.9.56	Awaiting confirmation of Clearance Order	Occupied
19 Queen Street				Occupied
21 Queen Street				Vacant
23 Queen Street				Occupied
25 Queen Street				Occupied
27 Queen Street				Occupied
29 Queen Street				Occupied
31 Queen Street				Occupied
33 Queen Street				Occupied
35 Queen Street				Occupied
37 Queen Street				Vacant
39 Queen Street				Occupied
41 Queen Street				Occupied
43 Queen Street				Occupied
45 Queen Street				Occupied
47 Queen Street				Vacant
49 Queen Street				Occupied
51 Queen Street				Occupied
53 Queen Street				Occupied
55 Queen Street				Occupied
57 Queen Street				Vacant
59 Queen Street				Occupied
Clearance Order No. 14				
33 Stamford Road	9.7.56	26.9.56	Being purchased by negotiation	Occupied
35 Stamford Road				Occupied
37 Stamford Road				Occupied
39 Stamford Road				Occupied
41 Stamford Road				Occupied
43 Stamford Road				Occupied
45 Stamford Road				Occupied
47 Stamford Road				Occupied
49 Stamford Road				Occupied
51 Stamford Road				Occupied
53 Stamford Road				Occupied
55 Stamford Road				Occupied
Clearance Area No. 15				
42 School Lane	6.12.56	Pending		Vacant
43 School Lane				Occupied
44 School Lane				Occupied
45 School Lane				Occupied



**Table 17**

**Sanitary Work Carried Out  
as a result of Formal and Informal Action**

**A. Housing repairs, etc., executed.**

New sewer connections	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses re-drained	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses at which drains were repaired	...	...	...	...	...	17
Inspection chambers constructed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	19
Intercepting traps fixed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fresh air inlets fixed to drains (or repaired)	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ventilating pipes to drains fixed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Glazed gullies provided and fixed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	...	...	...	...	...	2
Obstructions removed from drains and W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	21
Rainwater gutters and downpipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	64
Soil pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tipper closets removed and washdowns provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective W.C. pans and traps removed and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	12
W.C.'s provided with flushing cisterns and water supply	...	...	...	...	...	3
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	15
W.C.'s rebuilt or walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Additional W.C. provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses provided with sinks	...	...	...	...	...	2
New sink or bath waste pipes provided or old repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
Houses provided with town's water supply	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water taps provided internally	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coppers repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	70
Walls repaired externally	...	...	...	...	...	44
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	18
Outbuildings reconstructed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	10
Rooms stripped and cleaned	...	...	...	...	...	15
Walls repaired internally	...	...	...	...	...	39
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	36
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	38
Ceiling cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	35
New sashcords fixed	...	...	...	...	...	22
Airgrates provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	7
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	23
Stairs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	18
Food stores ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rooms and bedding cleansed (tenant)	...	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Refuse receptacles provided	...	...	...	...	...	9
Paving to yards and passages repaired	...	...	...	...	...	14
Sewer vent repaired or obstruction removed	...	...	...	...	...	1

Obstructions removed from private or public sewers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Houses connected to sewer in lieu of septic tank	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obstructions removed from Council's sewer	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	55
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	693

**B. Food Premises.**

Defective roof or spouting repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective walls or ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
Hot water supply provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
Regular periodic limewashing and general cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	19
New sinks provided in place of defective sinks	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wash-hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Flushing cistern provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	1
W.C. repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Light provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obstructions removed from drain	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bread covered in wicker baskets	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Name and address inscribed on vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staff room redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Refrigerator redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	...	...	66

**C. Shops (Various).**

Effective means of lighting or ventilation provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	4
Washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Washing facilities supplied with hot water	...	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obstruction removed from drain	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains relaid	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	...	16

**D. Hotels, Restaurant Kitchens and Confectioners' Premises**

General cleansing carried out	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	...	6

**E. Licensed Premises.**

Hot water geyser renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cellar cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	4
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**F. Clubs.**

New kitchen constructed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash-hand basin with hot and cold water provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
New sink with hot and cold water provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Intervening ventilated space provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lighting provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary accommodation cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	8
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**G. Dairies.**

General limewashing and cleansing carried out	...	...	...	...	...	1
Trailer repainted	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	3
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	5
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**H. Bakehouse.**

Wash-hand basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	1
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**I. Factories.**

Cleansing carried out	...	...	...	...	...	15
Sanitary accommodation unsuitable or defective	...	...	...	...	...	21
Defective roofs or spoutings remedied	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obstructions removed from drain	...	...	...	...	...	1
Soilpipe repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Light provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	11
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	54
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**J. Offices.**

Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Redecoration	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	2
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**K. Miscellaneous.**

Houses at which owner's name and address absent from rent book	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses at which M.O.H.'s name and address absent from rent book	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Permitted number inserted in rent book	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisance from pig keeping abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective W.C. pan and trap replaced at cinema	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation at cinema cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Boiler tubes cleansed and soot nuisance abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total							14
Grand Total							869

**Table 18**  
**Food Premises**

Trade									No. of premises
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Baker, Off Licence and Grocer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baker and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Baker, Grocer and General Store	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baker and General Store	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Baker and Manufacturer of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Butcher	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Butcher and Manufacturer of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Cafés	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Café and Fish Restaurant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Café and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Wholesale Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Confectioners and Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Dairies and Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Fishmongers and Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fishmonger and Manufacturer of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
General Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
General Store and Manufacturer of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
General and Off Licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
General and Grocer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Greengrocers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Greengrocers and Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Greengrocer, General and Off Licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Greengrocers, Grocers and General Store	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Greengrocers and General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Grocers and Manufacturers of Preserved Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grocers and Off Licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice Cream Dealers only	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Licensed Premises (Public Houses, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Off Licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Mineral Water Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Beer Bottler	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
School Canteen Kitchens and Dining Halls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
School Canteen Dining Halls only	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total									459

**Table 19**

**Registrations or Licences  
Granted by the Council**

**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16 :**

Ice Cream Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Manufacturers of Preserved Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	184

**MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949 :**

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	32

**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 62 :**

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
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**PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951 :**

Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
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Table 20

**Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part**

	Cattle, exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ... ..	3276	569	231	7121	11009	Nil
Number inspected ... ..	3276	569	231	7121	11009	Nil
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	1	6	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	814	194	3	31	366	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis & cysticerci ...	24.85	34.09	1.73	0.52	3.35	—
<b>Tuberculosis only :</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	1	—	—	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	191	101	—	—	298	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	5.83	17.93	—	—	2.73	—
<b>Cysticercosis :</b>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	3	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table 21

## Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and Other Diseases

### Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1956

The following table gives the number and age groups of the cases notified :

DISEASE	All Ages	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 25 years	25 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	Over 65 years	Removed to Hospital
	1955	1956												
Smallpox ... ..	nil	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	17	106	—	—	5	4	23	60	9	3	2	—	—	7
Diphtheria ... ..	nil	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid & Paratyphoid) ...	2	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	13	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	—	—	15
Pneumonia ... ..	38	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6	7	9	—
Erysipelas ... ..	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	nil	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis :														
Paralytic ... ..	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Non-Paralytic ... ..	1	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis—Infective ...	1	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Dysentery ... ..	132	40	—	3	1	1	7	12	6	—	9	1	—	1
Measles ... ..	644	303	10	26	26	30	53	149	3	3	2	—	1	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	16	7	—	1	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria ... ..	nil	nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ... ..	10	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Infectious Hepatitis ...	178	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1
TOTALS ... ..	1069	519	12	30	33	38	83	225	23	19	31	13	12	29

**Table 22**  
**Deaths from Cancer, 1947-56**  
(Calculated Locally)

Year	Total Deaths from Cancer	Cancer Deaths—% of total Deaths	Cancer Deaths—Rate per 1,000 Population
1947	81	17.68	2.22
1948	87	19.29	2.36
1949	77	19.20	2.07
1950	77	17.42	2.06
1951	72	17.52	1.96
1952	63	16.23	1.72
1953	68	16.66	1.86
1954	71	17.66	1.77
1955	95	22.25	2.60
1956	73	16.48	1.97

Site	Sex	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Total
Stomach	Males	4	15	5	4	6	7	7	11	4	9	72
	Females	9	4	7	10	9	2	5	3	10	3	62
Lung	Males	3	6	6	6	6	3	7	5	6	4	52
	Females	—	—	2	3	—	1	—	1	—	2	9
Bronchus	Males	4	4	4	3	7	5	4	5	13	4	53
	Females	2	—	—	—	4	1	—	1	—	2	10
Breast	Females	5	6	9	9	5	5	9	7	9	5	69
Uterus	Females	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	5	2	24

The tables above apply to Kettering Residents only.

**Table 23**  
**Tuberculosis**  
**New Cases and Mortality during 1956**

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 yr. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 ... ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 to 15 ... ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 20 ... ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 25 ... ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 35 ... ..	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
35 to 45 ... ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 55 ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 to 65 ... ..	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
65 & over ...	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
TOTALS ...	12	9	2	1	3	1	—	1

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